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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONTROLLING A SHUTDOWN OF AN  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 7

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 1, 11, and 20 as follows:

Sub 21  
1. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling the shutdown of an internal combustion  
engine, comprising:

an intake manifold configured to conduct an intake charge of air to an intake port of the  
internal combustion engine;

a1 5 a throttle configured to alter said intake charge of air to said intake port of the internal  
combustion engine; and

a computerized controller configured to control said throttle such that a substantial  
termination of said intake charge of air is provided during the shutdown of the internal  
combustion engine.